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**CALIFORNIA ROYAL VISIT****July 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that when the Duke and Duchess arrive in California, Governor Jerry Brown and First Lady Ann Gust Brown will be among the first to greet them. The Governor's office said the Browns will welcome the royal couple at LAX.

**DEBT DEBATE****July 11, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that President Obama and Congressional leaders will sit down again tomorrow to try to reach an agreement on raising the debt limit, before time runs out. If the government's debt ceiling isn't raised by August 2<sup>nd</sup>, America could default on its bills.

**MITT ROMNEY IN L.A.****July 20, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that Republican Presidential candidate Mitt Romney focused on economic issues during a campaign stop in Los Angeles. Romney visited a shopping plaza in North Hollywood. He discussed a failed plan to put a \$600-million shopping center at the site, and used the location to criticize Obama's handling of the economy.

**JERRY BROWN NAACP****July 25, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that Governor Jerry Brown spoke last night at the NAACP's National Convention in downtown L.A. The Governor spoke about the debt crisis in Washington and race relations in California. Governor Brown says the state has come a long way, and now Californians must invest in themselves.

**PAT BOONE GOP****August 14, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that entertainer Pat Boone is not running for office, but if recent campaigns are any

indication, he will be a player in 2012. In fact, many Republicans believe Boone was a significant factor in the GOP's 2010 election success.

### **PROP 13 CHANGES**

#### **August 17, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is daring to take on the holy grail of anti-tax laws in California: Proposition 13. Dave Bryan breaks down the Mayor's controversial idea for the Golden State.

### **OBAMA JOBS PLAN**

#### **August 21, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports that President Obama is balancing work and fun on his vacation this week. White House officials say the administration is "making progress" on a new jobs plan expected to come out after Labor Day. The President is reportedly meeting regularly with top economic advisers during his vacation, and will be briefed again tomorrow morning.

### **FEMA PREPS**

#### **August 25, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Danielle Nottingham reports that as Hurricane Irene threatens the East Coast, FEMA is getting ready. The agency is organizing evacuation plans, and moving supplies into staging areas. The military is also ready to help.

### **GOP PRIMARY POLL**

#### **September 5, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports on how President Obama and the Republican candidates who would like to replace him are about to begin a week that could be pivotal for all of them. And a new USC/L.A. Times poll indicates they all have some work to do.

### **BACHMANN GOP CONV.**

#### **September 16, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports live from downtown L.A., the site of the GOP Convention, as we discuss Campaign 2012. Some big name Republicans are in town for their annual state convention. Presidential candidates Michele Bachmann and Ron Paul are among the headliners this weekend.

**PRESIDENT JOBS****September 22, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Danielle Nottingham reports that President Obama hit the road again to urge Congress to pass his \$447-billion jobs package. He's back in the battleground state of Ohio to rally support for the bill.

**SECURITY COUNCIL****September 26, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that at the United Nations, the Security Council is considering Palestine's application for membership. Nine votes are needed for approval, and analysts think they have six votes secured. The U.S. opposes the application and has promised to veto the plan.

**CASEY ANTHONY VERDICT****July 5, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports on the stunning verdict, as Casey Anthony is found "not guilty" of murder and manslaughter in the death of her daughter. The jury's verdict is being called the most controversial decision since the O.J. Simpson trial, with cries of "baby killer" echoing outside the Orlando courthouse.

**ELDERLY HOME INVASION****July 15, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports that four intruders kicked open the door of a Norwalk home in the middle of the night. They stole thousands of dollars from a 75-year-old woman who has cancer. Kara Finnstrom spoke to the victim about her terrifying ordeal.

**HOME INVASION ATTACK****July 23, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Jeff Nguyen reports live from South El Monte, where police are investigating a brutal home invasion. A woman was beaten and robbed by someone who came knocking at her door on Lerma Road. Jeff Nguyen spoke to the victim's husband.

**FATAL HIT & RUN****July 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Jay Jackson reports live from Long Beach on the search for a hit-and-run driver who killed a pregnant woman and injured her daughter, as they walked down the street in Victorville. The young mother was talking to her boyfriend on a cell phone when she was run over. Jay Jackson spoke to her boyfriend about what he heard during the last moments of her life.

**WEST HILLS STANDOFF****August 2, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Jeff Nguyen reports live from the scene in West Hills, where a SWAT team just diffused a dangerous situation in the

neighborhood. A suspect had locked himself in a truck for nearly four hours, but it finally all came to an end.

**REDLANDS KIDNAP****August 9, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports that a Redlands man is behind bars this afternoon. He's accused of abducting and molesting a young neighbor. Police arrested the 52-year-old man at his apartment in the 900 block of Pine. Officers say a neighbor was looking for his four-year-old daughter, and then saw her through the window of the man's apartment, where both he and the girl were nude.

**BABY FALLS OFF ROOF****August 22, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Stacey Butler reports live outside Children's Hospital in Orange, where a baby is in critical condition tonight, after being dropped three stories. The person who did it is still on the loose, and police are calling it a "horrific crime".

**EX-LAKER ARRESTED****August 30, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kirk Hawkins reports that a former L.A. Laker accused of killing an Atlanta woman is scheduled to appear in court tomorrow. He's in a downtown jail this afternoon charged with murder, but his defense attorney says the allegations come as a shock.

**IHOP SHOOTING****September 6, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Kent Shocknek reports on breaking news, as three people have been killed in a shooting at a Nevada IHOP restaurant. The gunman apparently went on a shooting rampage, and used a rifle. Two of the three victims who were shot and killed were National Guardsmen in uniform!

**BABY SHOT SAN BERNARDINO****September 12, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports breaking news that a mother and two children have been shot, as somebody walked up and opened fire on their home in San Bernardino. A one-year-old baby has died, and a toddler is in critical condition. The pregnant mother is also critical.

**RESEDA OIS****September 24, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports on an officer-involved shooting in Reseda. Police are still on the scene. An LAPD spokesman says police shot and killed a man who was a suspect in a shooting that happened just minutes earlier.

**HIGH SCHOOL STABBING****September 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Joy Benedict reports from the scene of breaking news, as police swarm St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood, after a female student who was stabbed at school today, dies. Officers raced to the hospital tonight after getting word of a possible bomb threat or suspicious package.

**HEAT TIPS****July 3, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports that you can take steps to keep cool and protect your health this weekend. The Department of Public Health recommends several ways to beat the heat and stay safe. Never leave children, elderly people or pets alone in a parked car. Drink lots of water and avoid drinking alcohol, and if your home is too hot, stay in an air-conditioned area like a mall or library during peak heat hours.

**SLEEP APNEA****July 11, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Alison Harmelin reports that a new study found sleep apnea has a more damaging effect than just loss of sleep. The condition has been linked to high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease.

**EPILEPSY TREATMENT****July 19, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9's Doctor Jennifer Ashton reports that a new medical procedure is getting a lot of attention among epilepsy patients. It's minimally invasive and so far, doctors say it's getting great results. She shows us how a laser technique changed the life of a young patient.

**MEDICAL DEVICES****July 29, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Tetiana Anderson reports that just because the Food and Drug Administration approves a medical device, doesn't mean it's problem-free. In fact, there have been many recalls. Tetiana Anderson explores a new government study that found flaws in the way the FDA approves medical devices.

**USC SCIENTIST HIV VIRUS****August 8, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports on a major medical breakthrough in the fight against AIDS. A USC scientist has created a virus that hunts



down HIV-infected cells. Dr. Pin Wang says his discovery flags the infected cells by latching onto them so that drugs target and destroy them.

### **RED MEAT DIABETES**

#### **August 10, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports that researchers say they've discovered a connection between red meat and diabetes. The Harvard School of Public Health tracked the eating habits and health of nearly 500-thousand men and women, for as long as 20 years. Those who regularly ate red meat had a 19% increased risk of contracting Type 2 Diabetes. The risk jumped to 50% for those who ate processed meats like bacon and sausage.

### **SALT BRAIN**

#### **August 23, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sibila Vargas reports on how the amount of salt an older person consumes actually changes brain function. Researchers in Toronto have found a high-salt diet—combined with a sedentary lifestyle—lowers cognitive ability.

### **SLEEP BLOOD PRESSURE**

#### **August 30, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports on how poor sleep may increase the risk of high blood pressure. A study in the Journal of the American Heart Association says older men who don't get enough 'deep sleep' have an 80% greater risk of high blood pressure.

### **HERBAL REMEDIES**

#### **September 14, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports that the next time you get sick, you may want to try an herbal remedy. We take a look at what one health expert recommends, before you reach for prescription medication.

### **CHEMO DRUG SHORTAGE**

#### **September 15, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Michelle Miller spoke reports that there's a shortage of certain prescription drugs, and for some patients it's a life-threatening situation. Michelle Miller spoke with cancer patients who are trying to cope.

**OIL SPILL HEALTH CONCERNS****September 25, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Monica Hernandez reports on how seizures, fatigue and memory loss are just some of the health issues BP oil spill workers say they're experiencing, more than a year after the well was capped. She explores the connection and how one doctor is searching for answers.

**MENOPAUSE****September 29, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Cheryl Castro reports that it's not always easy for women to know when menopause is beginning, but there are things you can look for. She offers details, and speaks with a doctor on how women can cope with the loss of hormones.

**KOREAN FRIENDSHIP 4<sup>TH</sup>****July 5, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports that the city of San Pedro kicked off its Independence Day celebration with a special ceremony. Community and city leaders gathered at Angels Gate Park for the traditional ringing of the Korean Friendship Bell. The 17-ton bell was donated by the people of the Republic of Korea in 1976 to celebrate the bicentennial of the U.S. independence.

**REDISTRICTING PROTEST****July 14, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that local leaders of the African-American community are sounding off in protest, against plans to 're-draw' Congressional districts. They held a press conference in Exposition Park. The move would split traditional African-American political strongholds, by changing the representation for those districts.

**CAMBODIA SIGN****July 18, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on a special celebration for a Long Beach community. Crews put up two signs this weekend recognizing a stretch of Atlantic Boulevard as 'Cambodia Town'. It took 10 years to get the designation, but residents and city leaders say they are glad to see those signs.

**PLAZA DE LA RAZA****July 24, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports on how East L.A. hosted a huge Latino art and culture festival today. La Plaza de la Raza was the scene of 'Target Feria de la Familia', where a dozen musical and dancing acts performed today.

**VILLAGE CLEANUP****July 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports that L.A.'s Leimert Park is undergoing a transformation. Today dozens of volunteers from L.A. Works took part in a large-scale service project to revitalize Leimert Park Village. The area has long been a center for African-American art and culture.

**HATE CRIMES****August 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Melissa McCarty reports live from Long Beach where people are very concerned. Extra police are on the streets of Long Beach after a series of crimes against gays.

**WATTS RIOT ANNIVERSARY****August 11, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports that in Watts, activists gathered today to mark the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Watts Riots. They say despite promises made then, very little has changed now. Residents say the Watts 'uprising' was the result of economic frustration—the same kind of frustration they say exists today.

**SUNSET JUNCTION FESTIVAL****August 23, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Melissa McCarty reports that this weekend's Sunset Junction street festival might be cancelled for the first time ever. The city of Los Angeles is threatening to scrub the historic event, unless organizers come up with hundreds of thousands of dollars in overdue fees.

**HITLER CONTROVERSY****August 25, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Stacey Butler reports live with the story of some controversial comments. A political firestorm in Orange County—after Santa Ana's Mayor compares a Jewish businessman to Adolf Hitler.

**MUSLIM BLOOD DRIVE****September 5, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on how Muslim Americans are using the upcoming 9/11 anniversary to try to change misconceptions about their community. Members of a Muslim group in San Francisco are organizing a blood drive, as part of a campaign called 'Muslims for

Life'. Their goal is to save 30,000 lives by collecting 10,000 bags of blood.

### **METROLINK MEMORIAL**

#### **September 12, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that the people most affected by Metrolink's deadliest train disaster are finding comfort with each other. They gathered in Simi Valley today to observe the third anniversary of the tragedy. 25 people died when a freight train collided with a passenger train in Chatsworth.

### **SAN VICENTE TREES**

#### **September 24, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Stephanie Abrams reports on how some well-known and beloved Brentwood trees are in trouble. Locals say the colorful trees that line San Vicente Boulevard are in poor health, and may come crashing down. Longtime Brentwood residents, including Betty White, are taking action.

### **ROSH HASHANAH**

#### **September 28, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that Rosh Hashanah began at sundown tonight. It is the beginning of the Jewish New Year. It's a time of celebration—most synagogues and Jewish community centers will be packed with partygoers for the next two nights.

**YELLOWSTONE OIL SPILL****July 4, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports that wildlife rescue workers have now joined cleanup crews in an effort to mop up oil from Montana's Yellowstone River. As many as 42,000 barrels of oil leaked from a ruptured pipeline under the river near Billings on Friday.

**TOP GREEN VEHICLES****July 18, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that the Automobile Club of Southern California is recommending the top cars for the environment. AAA tested 62 of the lowest polluting with a light carbon footprint for you to consider. Overall, the Auto Club gave its top green car award for 2011 to the Toyota Highlander hybrid four-wheel drive. When considering cost, the 2011 Scion xD would top the list.

**HEAT WAVE****July 22, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kerry Ederer reports that the dangerous heat wave that's broiling much of the country grew worse today, with brutal weather from Kansas to Maine. People took precautions as temperatures in many regions hit 100.

**FREE BAGS****July 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that grocery stores in Long Beach are now helping customers kick the plastic bag habit. The city's ban on single-use plastic bags goes into effect on Monday. So this weekend, major retailers are giving away reusable bags to help kick-start the process.

**MOUNTAIN LION BURBANK****August 5, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports a warning for Burbank residents tonight. Be on the lookout for mountain lions. Police say a mountain lion was sighted last night around 11 p.m. in a residential area of

Burbank. It was lurking among parked cars near Kenneth Road and Brown Drive.

### **MOUNTAIN MINING**

#### **August 11, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports on how the nation is facing a mining controversy. A new poll shows most Americans oppose mountaintop removal mining. The process blasts away a mountain, to mine the coal underneath. The debate boils down to what people value more: jobs or the environment.

### **LONG ISLAND IRENE PREPS**

#### **August 26, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that Hurricane Irene is pounding the East Coast right now, and headed north up the coastline. It's going to be a miserable, wet weekend all the way up to New England.

### **YOSEMITE WILDFIRE**

#### **August 31, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that more progress is being reported from the frontlines of a firefight near Yosemite National Park. Crews say the flames are now 80% contained. They're now repairing ecological damage caused by bulldozers and are creating berms to prevent erosion. The fire has burned more than 5,200 acres.

### **TEXAS HEAT FIRE**

#### **September 8, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that it's official—Texas had the hottest summer on record in the U.S. Its 86.8-degree average beat the record set in Oklahoma back in 1934. Texas is also being ravaged by wildfires. The largest fire in Bastrop County is 24 miles long and 20 miles wide.

### **COYOTE HOME UPDATE**

#### **September 13, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that there are new details about a Glendale home that's been taken over by coyotes. The home was abandoned after a fire, and neighbors say several coyotes have been using it as their den. They want help to get the coyotes out, and some asked the county to trap the animals and move them.



**PUMPKIN PROBLEM****September 19, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter David Goldstein reports that folks back East have something to fear this Halloween—it's the great pumpkin shortage! Pumpkin farmers are blaming tropical storm Irene. They say rain from Irene caused serious damage to their crops. Growers in New York and Massachusetts have reported they lost all or most of their crops.

**ROSEVILLE GAS LEAK****September 28, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on an unusual sight in the Northern California city of Roseville—flames shooting from under a street. They're caused by a gas leak in a four-inch gas line. Fire crews worked to control the fire while the utility company cut off the gas.



**NEW WHOOPING COUGH LAW****July 5, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kristine Lazar reports that there are new state school rules concerning vaccinations for a dangerous disease this year. School districts now need proof that children are vaccinated for whooping cough. But there was some confusion among some who were heading back to school today.

**HEALTHIER KIDS' MENUS****July 13, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports that some of the country's biggest fast-food chains are launching their "Kids Live Well" campaign, saying they want to be part of the solution, not the problem. 19 restaurant chains have pledged to offer new kids' menus with fewer than 600 calories, to help fight childhood obesity.

**AEROSPACE ACADEMY****July 21, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that a new Southern California school will train the next generation of space explorers. The Palmdale School District has approved an aerospace academy. It will be located on the former campus of Cactus Intermediate School. Administrators say the charter school will be a great way for local employers like Lockheed and NASA to find fresh, young talent.

**CELL PHONES & CHILDREN****July 27, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Joel Brown reports that a new study offers reassuring news for parents worried about the health risks of cell phones. The researchers found no evidence the phones put kids at increased risk for brain tumors. However some experts still aren't convinced.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY****August 12, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports on how a group of students from Cathedral High School is gearing up for a trip of a lifetime. They're on

their way to Madrid for World Youth Day! 18 students were chosen. They've been waiting for more than a year for the trip. Hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from around the world will be taking over Madrid, Spain.

### **STEPHANIE'S DAY**

#### **August 13, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports that today is "Stephanie's Day". It's a day devoted to children with autism and special needs. It's an event that's dear to the heart of the President and General Manager of KCAL-9 and our sister station CBS-2—he is the proud father of Stephanie! Lisa Sigell shows us how Stephanie's Day is helping children and their families.

### **LAPD MENTORING**

#### **August 17, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Amy Johnson reports that of course a lot of learning goes on outside of the classroom, and now kids in Hollywood will be getting some first class lessons in life from L.A.'s finest. We take a look inside the LAPD's new youth center.

### **STATE OF THE ART SCHOOL**

#### **August 31, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that students coming back to one campus in Torrance are going to get a big surprise. Goodbye chalk boards, hello smart boards! That's just one of the high-tech features at the new J.H. Hull Middle School in Torrance. It was rebuilt from the ground up, and is the first new school in Torrance in 40 years.

### **LAUSD 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL**

#### **September 7, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kristine Lazar reports that the first day of the new school year is halfway over for more than a half-million students in the L.A. Unified School District. And some kids are heading back to brand new schools. Seven new LAUSD schools opened their doors this morning for the first time, including Valley Region High School #5.

### **TALKING TO KIDS 9/11**

#### **September 9, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Karen Caifa reports on how to talk to children about the events of 10 years ago...when they begin to ask questions that are even difficult for adults to deal with. She offers some tips on talking to your kids about the attacks on America, of 9/11.

**KIDS/AIRPORT SECURITY****September 14, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter David Goldstein reports on how changes in airport security will make it easier for children 12 years old and younger to travel. Under the new procedure, kids will no longer be regularly required to remove their shoes for airport screenings. Some children may still be asked to remove their shoes to keep security random.

**SAFE SURRENDER****September 28, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kristine Lazar reports on how 10 years ago, L.A. County launched a program that allows parents to turn in newborns—no questions asked. Today, many of those children met the firefighters who helped save them. We were there for the Safe Surrender celebration.

## **FIREWORKS ECONOMY**

### **July 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter John Blackstone reports that the interest in fireworks shows remains sky-high, despite the economic downturn. He shows us why that business is booming across the nation.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS**

### **July 4, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kendis Gibson reports that this will be the last July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday for people to be able to enjoy some of our state parks. Dozens are being closed because of the state's budget problems.

## **COMPTON SHUTDOWN**

### **July 20, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the city of Compton could face lawsuits and formal complaints, after adopting a controversial budget last night. 90 out of 450 workers will be laid off in two weeks. Last night's five-hour debate was heated. City officials said that without this budget, they could have had to furlough everyone except essential city employees.

## **OBAMA FUEL ECONOMY**

### **July 29, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on how cars should double their fuel mileage within the next 13 years. Top automakers and President Obama announced the historic standards today. The automakers say the new standards are challenging, but they are up to the task. The President says the new mileage goals should cut oil consumption by more than two million barrels a day.

## **HONDA RECALL**

### **August 5, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on a major recall from Honda. The automaker is recalling 1.5 million cars in the U.S. because of a transmission problem.

**LOCAL ECONOMY****August 8, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Randy Paige reports on how the crisis on Wall Street will affect our local economy. He talked to experts who are encouraging everyone to stay calm.

**GROCERY PRICES****August 18, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Elaine Quijano reports on a big issue for families trying to pay the bills in these tough times—groceries are more expensive. Supermarket prices have jumped nearly four percent in the past year. Experts predict that trend will continue.

**FINDING WORK OVER 55****August 29, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Sumi Das reports that older members of the work force have a tougher time finding a job in this challenging economy. On average, it takes more than a year for someone over 55 to find a new job. Sumi Das offers some tips to help make you stand out.

**AUTO SALES TESLA****September 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter John Blackstone reports that the auto industry could play a key role in revving up the economy. Electric carmaker Tesla is already creating jobs in California.

**BANK OF AMERICA LAYOFFS****September 13, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports on how one of America's biggest lenders, Bank of America, has now outlined plans to slash about 10% of its workforce. It's just the latest big company to announce layoffs. And it's a stark reminder of what's ahead, as the White House tries to fight unemployment.

**UC TUITION INCREASE****September 15, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Randy Paige reports from UCLA, where students are about to get a tough lesson in economics! UC officials say they may hike tuition by as much as 16% every year, for four years. Even now, many students are already paying more than they ever expected.

**LETTUCE RECALL****September 30, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that romaine lettuce is now being recalled, as there are new concerns about listeria. It's a voluntary recall for 23-hundred cases of chopped romaine, grown on a Watsonville Farm, near Santa Cruz.